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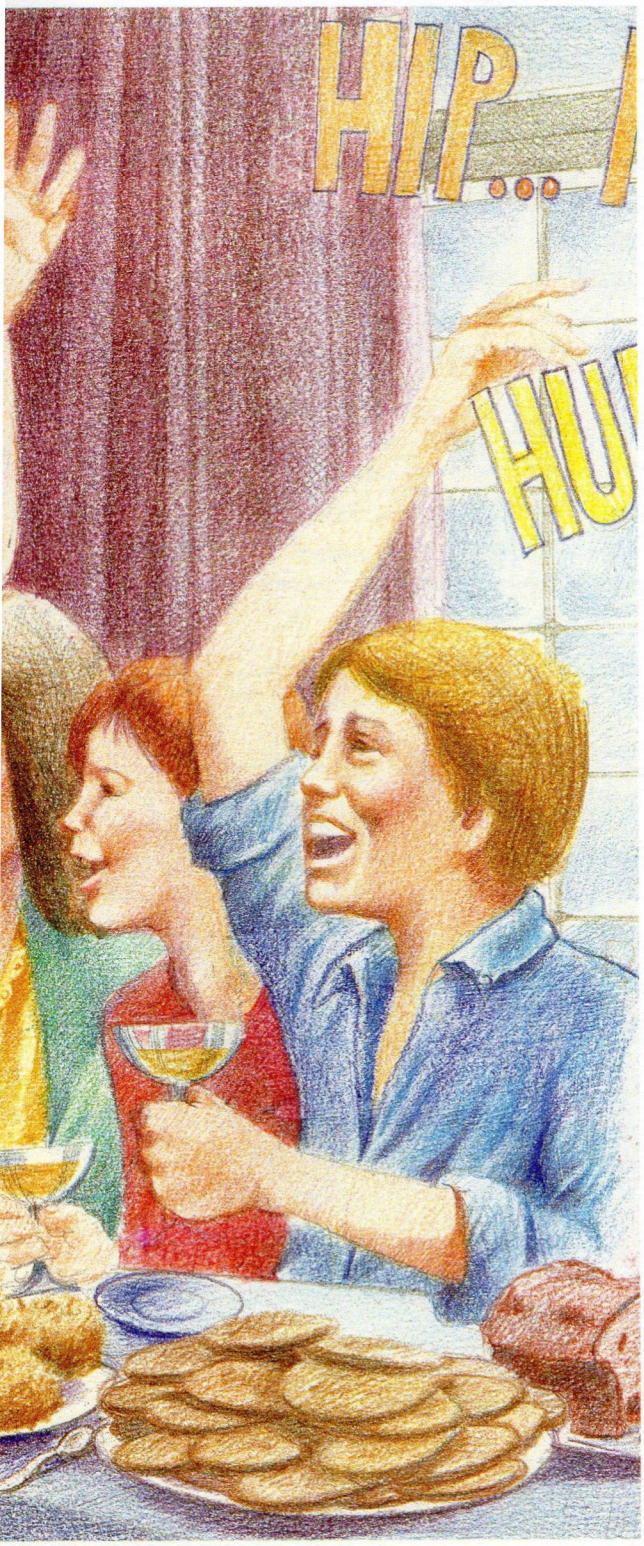



Tim is going to leave England and return to the U.S.A. His friend John has organized a farewell party at home.

JOHN: Silence! Silence, please! Ladies and gentlemen, we're here to say farewell to our friend Tim. As you know he's leaving for America. Three cheers for Tim!

VOICES: Hip,hip, hurrah! Hip, hip, hurrah! Hip, hip, hurrah!

All begin singing "For he's a jolly good fellow" (*fading*).

PETER: Well, can we meet tomorrow to say goodbye to each other?

TIM: Er... I'm afraid I'm leaving early in the morning.

CAROL: When are you leaving, Tim?

TIM: At eight o'clock from Heathrow airport.

JOHN: How are you going to get there, Tim?

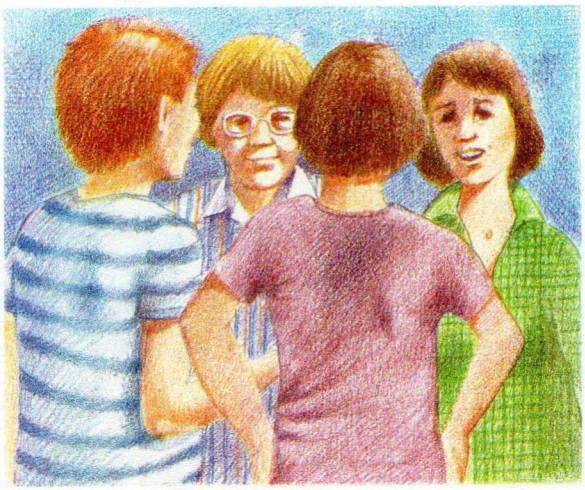
TIM: I'm going to take the tube from Ealing Common.

JOHN: Oh, I see.

CAROL: When are you going to come back to London, Tim?

TIM: I don't know. Next summer, I hope. But... what's the matter with you, Carol? Are you crying?

PETER: Girls! They always cry!



TASK 1

# Talk about your plans

**a** Write your plans for next week. Here are some suggestions. You can change them or add to them if you like, but leave at least two mornings or two afternoons free.

play tennis
see the dentist
go shopping
do homework
visit Grandma
meet Grandpa
go fishing
have a party
wash Dad's car

| APRIL | |
|---|---|
| morning | afternoon |
| 2 SUNDAY | |
| 3 MONDAY | |
| 4 TUESDAY | |
| 5 WEDNESDAY | |
| 6 THURSDAY | |
| 7 FRIDAY | |
| 8 SATURDAY | |

**b** Ask and answer.

A: Can we meet on Sunday morning?
B: Sorry, but I'm going to play tennis on Sunday morning / Yes. I'm free on Sunday morning.

# Ask and say what people are going to do

TASK 2

Stuart, Sue's brother, is arriving from Edinburgh. He is going to spend a weekend in London and wants to go sightseeing on Saturday. This is the plan Sue has prepared.

Saturday morning

9.00 – Westminster Abbey – see the Coronation Chair. Take tube to Westminster.

10.00 – Tate Gallery – see exhibition of Italian Paintings. Take bus 77.

11.30 – Buckingham Palace. See the Changing of the Guard. Take tube from Pimlico.

Saturday afternoon

13.00 – Piccadilly Circus. Have lunch at the Coffee House. Take bus 38.

14.30 – Trafalgar Square. See statue of Nelson. Take tube from Piccadilly.

16.00 – St. Paul's Cathedral. See tombs of Nelson and Wellington. Take tube from Charing Cross.

17.00 – Monument. See the city from the top. Take bus 94.

18.00 – George Inn. Have a beer in Dickens' favourite pub. Take bus 84.

**a** Ask and answer.

A: What is Stuart going to see first?
B: Westminster Abbey.
A: When is he going to see it?
B: At 9 o' clock.
A: What is he going to do there?
B: He's going to see the Coronation Chair.
A: How is he going to get there?
B: By tube.
A: What is he going to see then?
B: Etc.

**b** Look at Sue's plan and write notes for everything Stuart is going to do like this:

At 9 o'clock Stuart is going to see the Coronation Chair at Westminster Abbey.

# LANGUAGE ACTIVITIES

## SIGHTSEEING IN LONDON

**a** Here are some pictures and descriptions of places of interest you can visit in London. Imagine you are going to spend a day there and write in your exercise-book a plan similar to Sue's plan on page 321. Choose all the places you would like to see and write down times, places, things to see and how to get there. See locations of places on the map at the end of the book. Start at Victoria Station and travel by tube, it is faster. The map shows all the Underground stations.

PICCADILLY CIRCUS

Popularly, the centre of London, known for its bright lights and the statue of Eros.

ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL

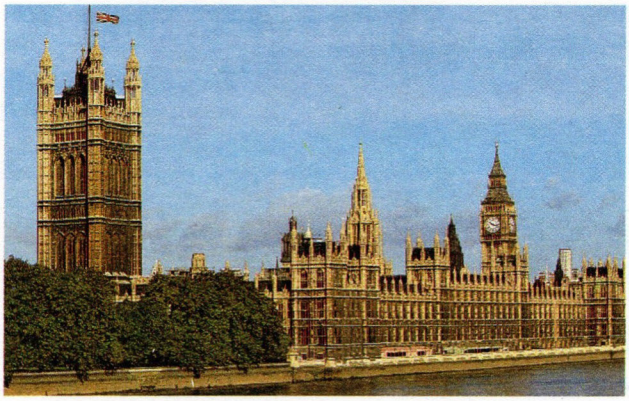
The masterpiece of Sir Christopher Wren. Visit the Galleries and Upper Dome. Also the Crypt where the tombs of Lord Nelson and the Duke of Wellington can be seen.

TOWER OF LONDON. A Yeoman Guard will gladly take you on a tour of this ancient fortress. See the Crown Jewels.

TRAFALGAR SQUARE. England's tribute to Nelson and dominated by his column. Cool fountains to sit by, and a resident flock of pigeons to feed.

ROYAL MEWS

On Wednesday and Thursday afternoons visitors can see the Queen's horses and coaches used on State occasions.



HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT

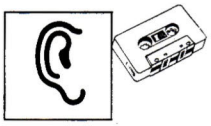
Visitors may see the House of Commons and House of Lords and hear debates from the Strangers' Gallery. But you must apply first to your Embassy or High Commissioner's office in London, or join the public queue outside St. Stephen's Entrance. Queue for admission Monday to Thursday after 16.15, and on Friday after 11.30. Admission free.

**b** What are you going to do?

A: At _____ o'clock I'm going to see the _____ at _____ .
B: How are you going to get there?
A: I'm going to get the tube from_____ .

# Listening

Chris and Barbara are in a pub. They are sitting at a table and are drinking a beer.



Listen to them talking and answer the following questions:

1. Where are Chris and Barbara going to go?
2. When are they going to leave?
3. How are they getting there?
4. What are they going to do in the morning?
5. What are they going to do in the evening?
6. When are they going to come back?

# LANGUAGE WORK

## LW1

**I'm playing tennis on Saturday morning. = Sabato mattina giocherò a tennis.**

Quando si parla di un progetto, di un programma, di ciò che si è stabilito di fare in futuro, si usa in inglese la forma progressiva del verbo (**be** + verbo + **ing**; v. Unit 25, LW1).

Riscrivi le seguenti frasi mettendo i verbi tra parentesi nella loro forma progressiva.

1. I (have) a party next Saturday. Do you want to come?
2. Sue (arrive) tomorrow morning. Can you meet her at the station?
3. What's the time, please? I (meet) John at half past eight.
4. Sorry but I can't come. I (wash) Dad's car in the afternoon.
5. We (go) to the cinema this evening. Why don't you do your homework now?
6. Can we meet on Tuesday afternoon? Sorry, but I can't. I (see) the doctor at 4 o' clock.
7. Tim (leave) at 8 o' clock. Can we meet him at 7 o' clock?
8. Barbara and Sue (go) shopping. Tell them to buy some cheese and some butter.

Scrivi dettagliatamente tutto ciò che farai domani da quando ti alzerai a quando andrai a letto.

Inizia così:

Tomorrow I'm getting up at ... o'clock, then ...

Scrivi tutte le battute di Sue che mancano in questa conversazione.

SUE: _____

BARBARA: Oh, hello, Sue.

SUE: _____

BARBARA: On Friday? I'm leaving for the weekend.

SUE: _____

BARBARA: I'm going to the seaside with Chris.

SUE: _____

BARBARA: We're getting there by train because Chris's car is being repaired.

SUE: _____

BARBARA: We're leaving at 18.30 from Waterloo Station.

SUE: _____

BARBARA: We're getting there at 20.06.

SUE: _____

BARBARA: Thanks, Sue. Have a good time, too.

**Stuart is going to see Westminster Abbey. = Stuart andrà a vedere l'Abbazia di Westminster.**

LW2

Quando un'azione futura dipende dalla volontà o dall'intenzione di chi compirà l'azione si usa la costruzione: Soggetto + **be** + **going to** + verbo.

Rispondi alle seguenti domande. I suggerimenti per formulare le risposte sono dati fra parentesi.

Esempio: When is Tim going to leave? (at 8 o'clock).

Tim is going to leave at 8 o'clock.

1. How is Tim going to get to the airport? (by tube).
2. When are they going to meet them? (on Thursday).
3. What are you going to see at the Tower? (the Crown Jewels).
4. Where is Sue going to go next week? (to Edinburgh).
5. What are you going to do today? (stay at home).
6. When are they going to post the letter? (tomorrow morning).
7. How are they going to get to the Post Office? (by bus).
8. What is John going to do this afternoon? (meet Peter).

# BACK TO THE U.S.A.

At Heathrow Airport.

VOICE: Your attention, please. Passengers on flight TW 0715 to New York are kindly requested to proceed to the Departure Lounge.

TIM: Well, it's time to go.

JOHN: Well, goodbye Tim and please, write sometimes.

TIM: Don't worry, I'll write soon. And thanks a lot for coming to the airport.

JOHN: O.K. Have a good trip!

TIM: Thanks. See you next summer!

On board the plane.

HOSTESS: Anything to drink?

TIM: Er.., yes. I'll have something, I think.

HOSTESS: We've got coke, lemonade, ginger ale. What would you like?

TIM: I'll have a lemonade, thank you. Excuse me, when will the plane arrive in New York?

HOSTESS: Er... in about five hours. We'll be at J.F.K. Airport at 11 o' clock, local time.

TIM: Oh, thank you very much.

HOSTESS: You're welcome. Are you going to New York?

TIM: Yes. Well, I'm going to Scarsdale, actually.

HOSTESS: Oh, will it take a long time to get there?

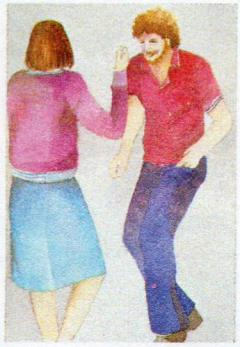
TIM: No. I'll get home in a couple of hours if there isn't too much traffic in New York.

HOSTESS: I see. Well, we're lucky there are no traffic jams in the sky!

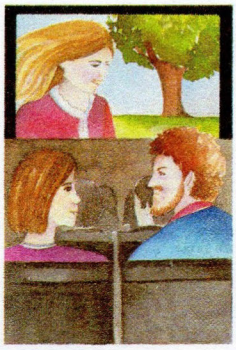
# Make promises

TASK 1

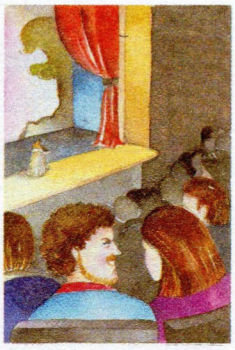
Take me for a walk this afternoon.



Take me dancing tonight.



Take me to the cinema tomorrow.

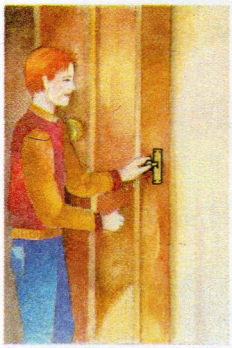


Take me to the theatre the day after tomorrow.

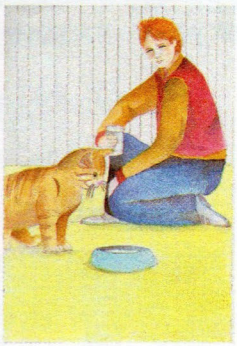
**a** Barbara is asking Chris if he will keep his promises.

BARBARA: Will you take me for a walk?
CHRIS: Yes, I will. I'll take you for a walk this afternoon.

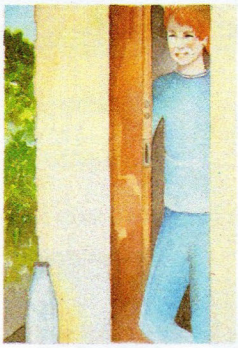
Ask and answer.



Lock the door every night.



Feed the cat every day.



Get the milk every morning.

Water the flowers every evening.

**b** Aunt Polly's sister, who lives in Reading, isn't well. Aunt Polly is going to stay with her for a week. Now she is asking Tim if he will forget to look after the house.

Miss BENNET: Will you forget to lock the doors?
TIM: Don't worry, I won't. I'll lock the doors every night.

Ask and answer.

TASK 2

# Make decisions

## MENU

*Starters*

Chilled Fruit Juice ..... 30p
Vegetable Soup ..... 40p
Prawn Cocktail ..... 90p

*Vegetables*

French Fried Potatoes ..... 40p
Buttered Fresh Carrots ..... 40p
Tomatoes ..... 40p
Peas ..... 30p

*Main Course*

Grilled Sirloin Steak ..... 3.00
Grilled Pork Chop ..... 2.50
Whole Plaice ..... 3.15
Breast of Chicken ..... 2.30

*Dessert*

Cream Caramel ..... 70p
Peach Melba ..... 80p
Chocolate Gateau ..... 80p
Ice Cream ..... 75p

Glass of wine (red, white, rosè) 60p
cup of coffee 40p
cup of tea 35p

*Service charge not included*
*All our prices include V.A.T.*

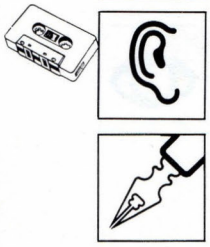
You have invited Grace to dinner at a restaurant. Look at the above menu and find out what she wants for each course. Decide what you want for yourself, too.

| YOU | GRACE |
|---|---|
| Anything to start with? | |
| There's _____ , _____ | Yes, I'll have _____ / |
| or _____ | No, nothing for me, thanks. |
| Well, I think I'll have _____ | |
| What about the main course? | |
| They have _____ | _____ |
| Any vegetables with it? | |
| There are _____ | _____ |
| Good, I'll have the _____ | |
| and some _____ | |

| YOU | GRACE |
|---|---|
| Would you like some pudding? | |
| There's _____ | _____ |
| The _____ sounds nice, I'm going to have some. | |
| Anything to drink? | |
| They have _____ | _____ |
| O.K. I'll have _____ | |
| Oh, good. The waiter's coming. | |

# Make predictions

TASK 3



**a** Listen to the four conversations and write down under the pictures where the characters are, where they are going, time when they are travelling and time of arrival.

Means of travel coach

Destination Hampton Court

Time 9 o'clock

Time of arrival 10 o'clock

Means of travel _____

Destination _____

Time _____

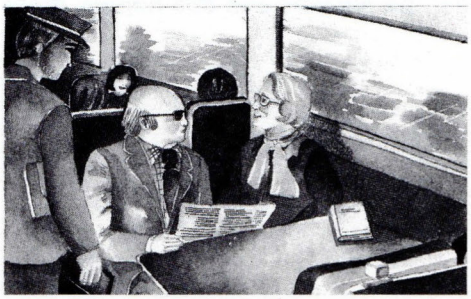
Time of arrival _____

Means of travel _____

Destination _____

Time _____

Time of arrival _____



Means of travel _____

Destination _____

Time _____

Time of arrival _____

**b** Ask and answer.

A: Where's Giorgio?
B: He's in a coach.
A: Where's he going?
B: He's going to Hampton Court.
A: When will he arrive?
B: He'll arrive in an hour.

# LANGUAGE ACTIVITIES

## Reading

### AUTOMATIC AEROPLANE LANDINGS

Using a new electronic device called Microwave Landing System (MLS), aeroplanes will be able to land themselves. With MLS more planes will be able to land on the ground more quickly and more safely without a pilot touching the controls.
From the time a plane enters the zone or area covered by MLS (about five kilometres from the point of landing) until it lands, it is controlled completely and automatically. Bad weather has no effect on the system, even zero-visibility fog.
The normal operations for landing – engine reversal, braking, and steering – are handled by MLS. The pilot does not have to do anything; however, the pilot can take control again if he wants to.
Using the current Instrument Landing System (ILS), pilots follow a radio beam. The ILS beam is very narrow, like a long tube. To follow it, aeroplanes must fly straight along the beam, starting at least eight kilometres from beginning their approach to landing. In many cases pilots must begin to follow the ILS beam as far as 24 kilometres away from the landing point at the airport.
The MLS beam is different from the ILS beam. The MLS uses a high-frequency beam, which looks like a big funnel with a large mouth. This means that planes can make shorter landing approaches from any direction instead of having to follow the long, narrow straight-in approaches of ILS.
The MLS is so precise that planes can come in on parallel runways at intervals as short as 40 seconds apart without danger of collision. Future airports, therefore, can be smaller and still handle more air traffic more safely and efficiently.

"Welcome aboard Haunta-Tours, flight 666, ladies and gentlemen – this is your automatic pilot speaking."

Sei sicuro di aver capito bene il dialogo che si riferisce al LISTENING di pag. 314? Riascoltalo seguendo la trascrizione riportata qui sotto.

# LANGUAGE ACTIVITIES

## Listening (p. 314)

### Testo della registrazione

Announcer: Listen to the 3 weather forecasts and put the symbols in the right places on the map in your book. Also note down the temperatures.
Weather forecast 1.

Weather man: England, Wales and Northern Ireland will have sunny intervals and showers, which will be heavy in the north. Scotland will be mostly cloudy with outbreaks of rain. The temperature will reach a maximum of 18 degrees centigrade.

Announcer: Weather forecast 2.

Weather man: Scotland and Northern Ireland will be mostly dry and sunny. England and Wales will start mostly cloudy, but some sunny intervals will develop. The temperature will rise a little reaching a maximum of 20 degrees centigrade.

Announcer: Weather forecast 3.

Weather man: Scotland and Northern Ireland will be cloudy with showers in some places. England will be mostly dry with sunny intervals. Wales will have rain, but also some sunny intervals in the morning. The temperature will reach a maximum of 19 degrees centigrade.